

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

CLAIM 1 (Cancelled).

2. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 4, wherein an amount of the lifting of said second horizontal plane will cause a periphery of said first wheel member to engage the edge in said first horizontal plane, said first horizontal plane intersecting a radius of said first wheel member at a location that is intermediate of a length of said radius.

3. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 2, wherein said intermediate location is in the range of 50% to 100% of a length of said radius measured from said first axis.

4. (Previously Presented) In an ambulance cot having a wheel supported base, a frame and an elevating mechanism for varying an elevation of said frame relative to said base, the improvement comprising:

an ambulance cot load wheel assisting device having a bracket frame configured to be immovably fastened to a frame of the ambulance cot, said bracket frame having first and second vertically spaced axle mountings provided thereon;

an elongate first axle supported on said first axle mounting, said first axle having a first axis extending longitudinally thereof;

a first wheel member of a first diameter supported on said first axle for rotation about said first axis and